

REMARKS

Claims 1-7, 10-15, 20, 21, 25, 33 and 35 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103 as being unpatentable over United States Patent No. 6,582,252 to Lin in view of United States Patent No. 5,975,959 to Joly. Claims 16, 17 and 22-30 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103 as being unpatentable over Lin in view of Joly and further in view of United States Patent No. 7,021,967 to Mullin and United States Patent No. 6,135,818 to Lang et al. Claims 18, 19 and 31 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103 as being unpatentable over Lin in view of Joly and further in view of United States Patent No. 5,199,903 to Asick et al. Reconsideration and withdrawal of these rejections is requested.

Claim 1 as originally filed specifies “a dielectric housing”. In the rejection, the Examiner states that elements 20, 30 of Lin comprise a dielectric housing. This is incorrect. As Lin clearly states in Col. 2, line 66, front shell 20 is *conductive*. Therefore, element 20 cannot comprise the claimed dielectric housing of claim 1. There is no suggestion in Lin to make the conductive shell 20 dielectric. It is Applicant’s understanding that the shell 20 of Lin must be conductive as shell 20 is used for purposes of grounding. As a result, the claimed “receptacle” of claim 1 as originally filed is also not present in Lin. Joly does not remedy the deficiencies of Lin.

Therefore, Applicant requests that the rejection be withdrawn and that the claims as originally filed be allowed.

Should the Examiner believe that a telephone conversation will facilitate the prosecution of the above-identified application, the Examiner is invited to call Applicant's attorney.

Respectfully submitted,

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